



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An operating device for a computer or the like, comprising a support for a human hand provided with at least one button positioned such that it can be operated by the extremity of a finger, said device comprising a bearing surface having a longitudinal axis and a bulbous part, shaped in accordance with the shape of the human hand, arranged thereon, said bulbous part comprising a surface for the palm of the hand for supporting the mid section of the hand (metacarpus)/wrist section (carpus) of the operator, a central surface for supporting the proximal phalanges of the fingers and a distal surface for supporting the medial phalanges and distal phalanges, wherein a tangent at said distal surface in a plane perpendicular to said bearing face, said plane including said longitudinal axis, is at an angle (α) of approximately 75° with said bearing surface.

2. (original) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the angle (δ) between the central surface and the distal surface is approximately 45°.

3. (previously presented) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said surface for the palm of the hand is at an angle of approximately 15° to said support.

4. (previously presented) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the central surface and surface for the palm of the hand laterally are at an angle ϕ of approximately 10° with respect to the bearing surface, rotated over the longitudinal axis (axis formed by hand and lower arm) in the direction of the little finger, supination, with, as a result, maximum relaxation of hand, lower arm, neck and shoulders.

5. (previously presented) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein there is a seat for the thumb made close to the end limit of said bulbous part.

6. (original) The device as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said seat extends at an angle γ of approximately 40° with respect to the adjacent part.

7. (previously presented) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein, close to said button, said distal surface is made with a cavity corresponding to the shape of the finger, with a radius of curvature (r) of less than 60 mm.

8. (previously presented) The device as claimed in Claim 1, comprising two buttons that can be operated by two adjacent fingers, the centre-to-centre distance (a) of said buttons being 16 - 17 mm.